(0 to (h) The Ministry has an ongoing scheme for funding R&D projects for development of such technology. Various institutions including Veterinary colleges. Agricultural Universities & Cooperatives are eligible to avail this assistance.

Vacant Engineering Seats

2027. PROF. A LAKSHMISAGAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have collected the data regarding the number of vacant engineering scats all over the country for the current academic year:

(b) if so. the details regarding the number of scats available and the vacant scats, State-wise; and

(c) the reasons behind the downfall in the demand for engineering scats?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHRIMATI RITA VERMA): (a) to (c) Admission to Engineering Colleges arc made by the State level Committees based on the intake approved by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE). Details on vacant scats al! over ihe country is nol maintained centrally.

Financial Assistance for Hindi Teachers' Posts in Non-Hindi speaking States

2028. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's proposal lo extend financial assistance for creation of posts of Hindi Teachers in non-Hindi speaking States, specially for encouraging Hindi teaching: